

# House Resolution 33 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY UPMEYER and BELL  
1 3 A Resolution to recognize the Iowa landmark the  
1 4 Surf Ballroom.  
1 5 WHEREAS, in 1933 the Surf Ballroom opened its doors  
1 6 in Clear Lake, Iowa, providing music, dancing, and a  
1 7 chance to escape, for a few hours, the worries and  
1 8 cares of the Great Depression; and  
1 9 WHEREAS, as the decades passed virtually every big  
1 10 name entertainer stopped at the Surf, including: Duke  
1 11 Ellington, the Little River Band, Loverboy, The  
1 12 Righteous Brothers, The Temptations, The Beach Boys,  
1 13 Waylon Jennings, and Bobby Rydell; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, the Surf Ballroom has also known great  
1 15 tragedy == the original ballroom burned to the ground  
1 16 in 1947 and on February 3, 1959, three of the most  
1 17 popular rock and roll stars from the 1950s, Buddy  
1 18 Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper, died in a  
1 19 plane crash after performing at the Surf Ballroom; and  
1 20 WHEREAS, the Surf Ballroom hosts the last stop of  
1 21 the "Winter Dance Party Tour", an annual tribute, on  
1 22 the anniversary of Holly's last performance; and  
1 23 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2009, nearly 50 years after  
1 24 that sad day, the Surf Ballroom was designated an  
1 25 official Rock and Roll Hall of Fame historical  
1 26 landmark; NOW THEREFORE,  
1 27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
1 28 That the House of Representatives recognizes the Surf  
1 29 Ballroom as a cultural icon in Iowa and applauds the  
1 30 ongoing efforts of local citizens who have dedicated  
2 1 themselves to making sure that the music, and the Surf  
2 2 Ballroom, never dies.  
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